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Dated 16-12-41

[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian penal Code – Section 489 E – Reproduction of Currency and Bank notes – prohibition of – press note issued by the Government of India – Communicated.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

Re

INDIAN PENAL CODE - Section 489-E -/Production of currency and bank notes - Prohibition of - Press Note issued by the Government of India - Communicated.

Home Department.

G.O.Ms.No.4628. Dated 16th December1948.

Read the following:-

From the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, No.F.2(3) F.1/48, dated the 13th November 1948.

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ORDER:

Section 489-E of the Indian Penal Code introduced by the Central Act VI of 1943, penalises the production, sale or use of imitation currency notes. It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that imitation notes bearing photoprints of prominent leaders are being produced and sold in public in large numbers. The Government of India feel that there is a s risk of such notes being passed on as genuine notes to illiterate and ignorant persons residing in rural areas.

A copy of the press note issued by the Government of India is communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and District Magistrates who are requested to see that greater vigilance is shown by their subordinate in the matter and the offenders are brought to trial.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.M. Nayak,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To the Inspector-General of Police, Madras (with four spare copies and enclosure).
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras (with enclosure)
" all District Magistrates (with enclosure)
Copy to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras (with enclosure).
" " the Registrar, High Court, Madras (with enclosure).
" " the Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.

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Copy of Press Note dated the 15th November 1948 of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.

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PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PRESS NOTE.

WARNING AGAINST IMITATION OF CURRENCY NOTES.

It has been brought to the Government of India's notice that photoprints and other imitations of currency notes are being sold in several cities of India.

In this connection the public's attention is drawn to the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 1943, whereby the production, sale or use of imitation notes purporting to be or resembling a currency or bank note or so nearly resembling one as to be calculated to deceive is an offence and must not be indulged in.

The purport of this Act is to make illegal the production of photoprints, or other reproductions of currency or bank notes for advertisement or other purposes. In this country, such reproductions are apt to deceive the illiterate although not intended to, and may ultimately manace the safety of the currency. The practice is therefore dangerous and has been made illegal.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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Act No. Vi of 1943.

Passed by the Indian Legilature.

(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 26th March 1943)

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AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, AND TO AMEND THE CURRENCY ORDINANCE 1940.

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(20th April 1943).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Penal Code (XLV of 1860), and to amend the Currency Ordinance, 1940 (IV of 1940), for the purpose hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:--

1. SHORT TITLE:- This Act may be called the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 1943.

2. INSERTION OF NEW SECTION 489 E IN ACT XLV OF 1860:- In Chapter XVIII of the Indian Penal Code (XLV of 1860), after section 489-D the following section shall be inserted, namely:--

"489E. MAKING OR USING DOCUMENTS RESEMBLING CURRENCY-NOTES OR BANK - NOTES;- (1) Whoever makes, or causes to be made, or uses for any purpose whatsoever, or delivers to any person, any document purporting to be, or in any way resembling, or so nearly resembling as to be calculated to deceive, any currency-note or bank-note shall be punished with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(2) If any person, whose name appears on a document the making of which is an offence under sub-section (1), refuses - without lawful excuse, to disclose to a police-officer on being so

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required the name and address of the person by whom it was ~~printed~~ printed or otherwise made, he shall be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.".

2 3. Where the name of any person appears on any document in respect of which any person is charged with an offence under sub-section (1) or on any other document used or distributed in connection with that document is may, until the contrary is proved, be presumed that that person caused the document to be made".

3. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4, ORDINANCE IV OF 1940.- section 4 of the Currency Ordinance, 1940 (IV of 1940) for the word, figures and letter "and 489 - D", the words, figures and letters "489 - D and 489 E" shall be substituted.

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